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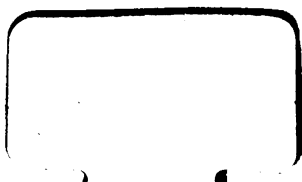
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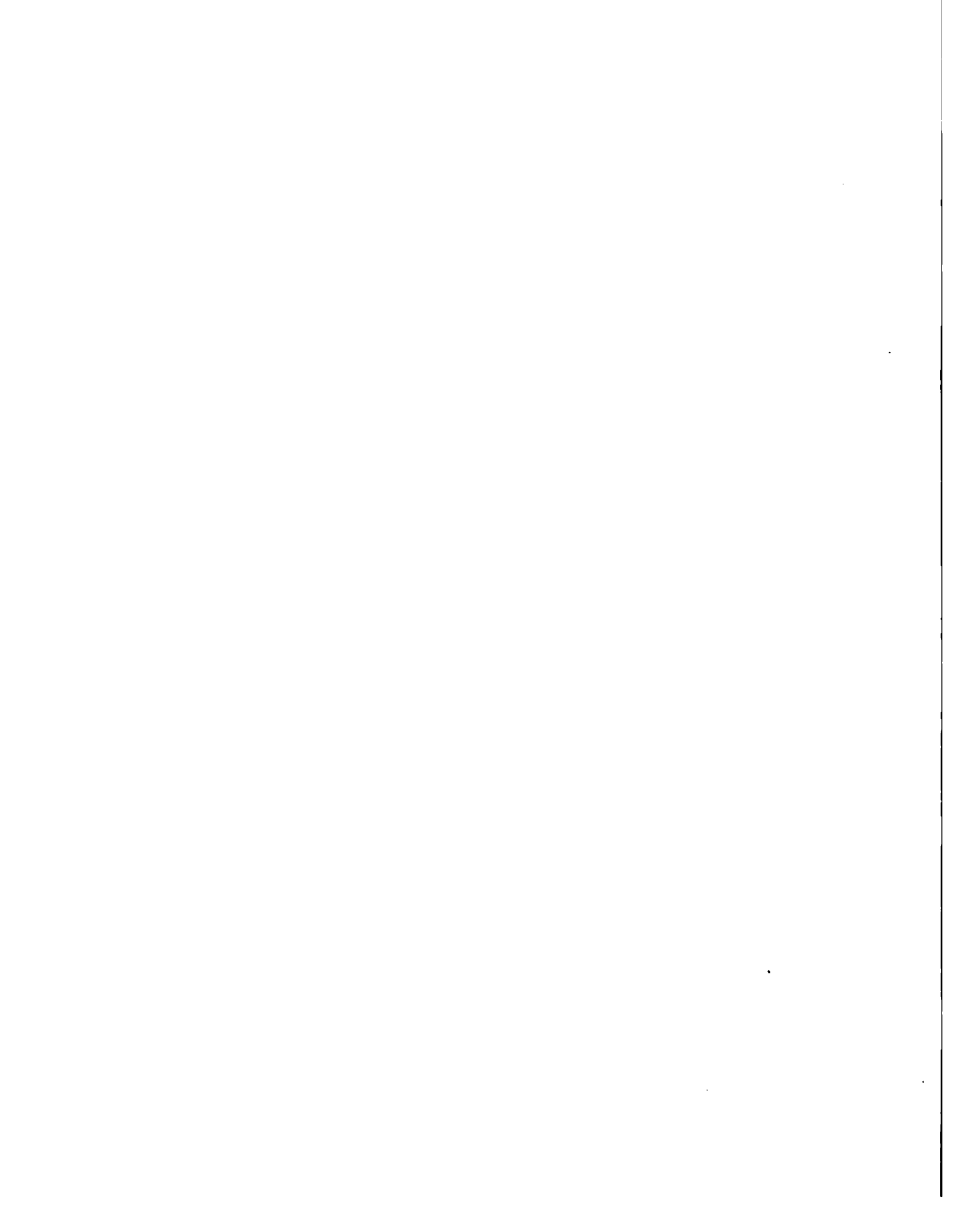


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# ✦ SOFTLY NOW THE LIGHT OF DAY ✦

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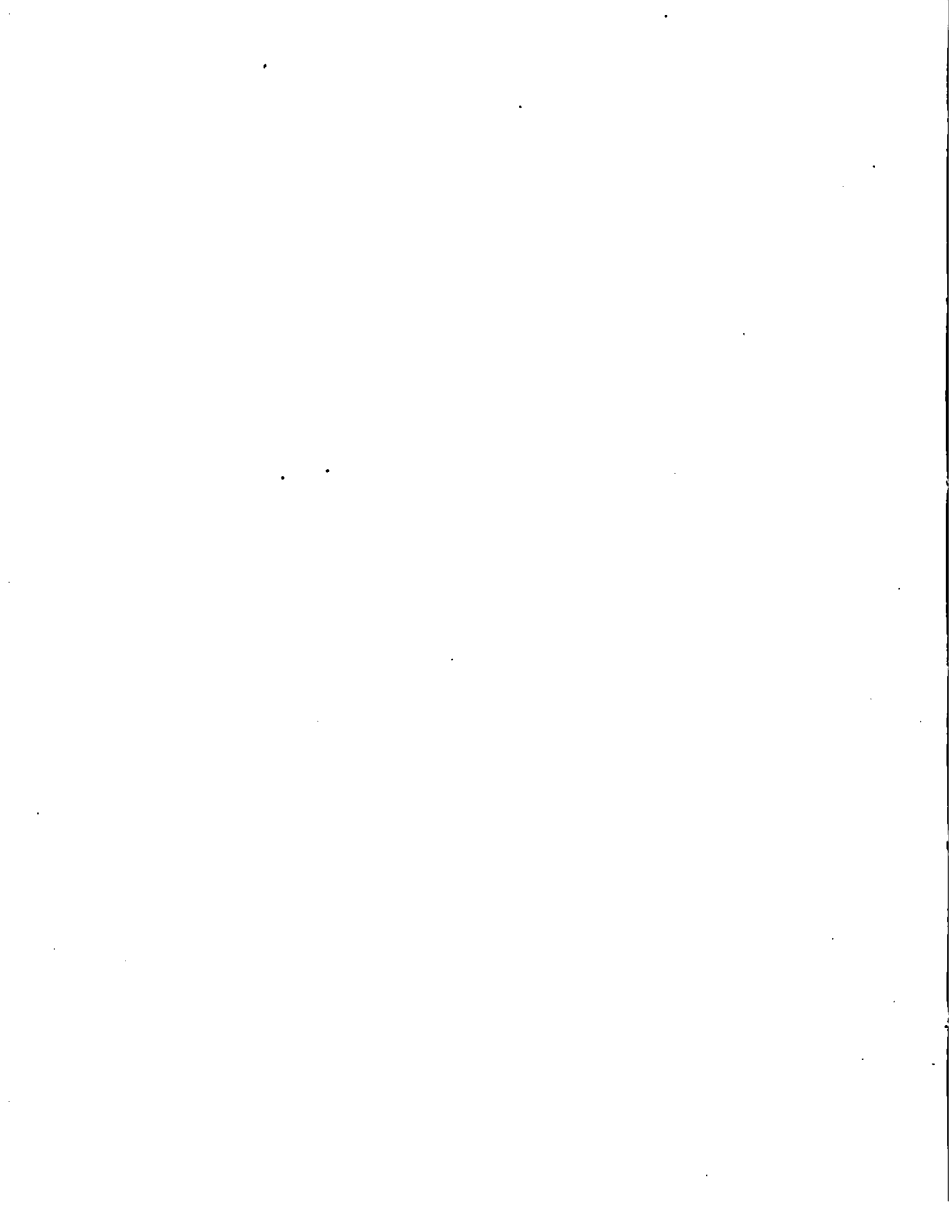
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**“Softly now the light of day  
Fades upon my sight away.”**





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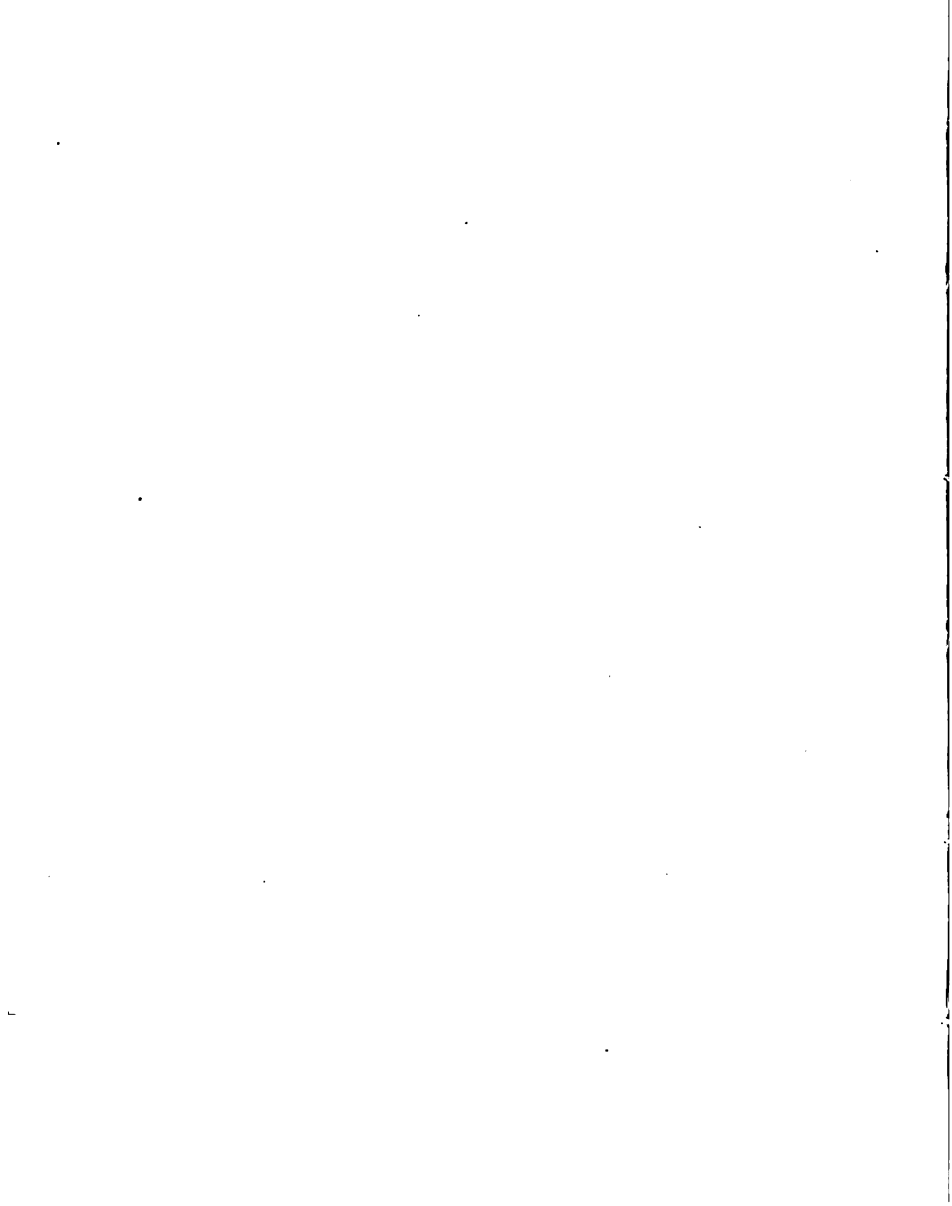
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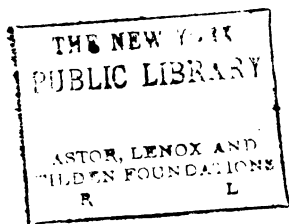
**G**ottly now the light of day  
**F**ades upon my sight away ;  
**F**ree from care, from labour free,  
**L**ord, **I** would commune with thee :





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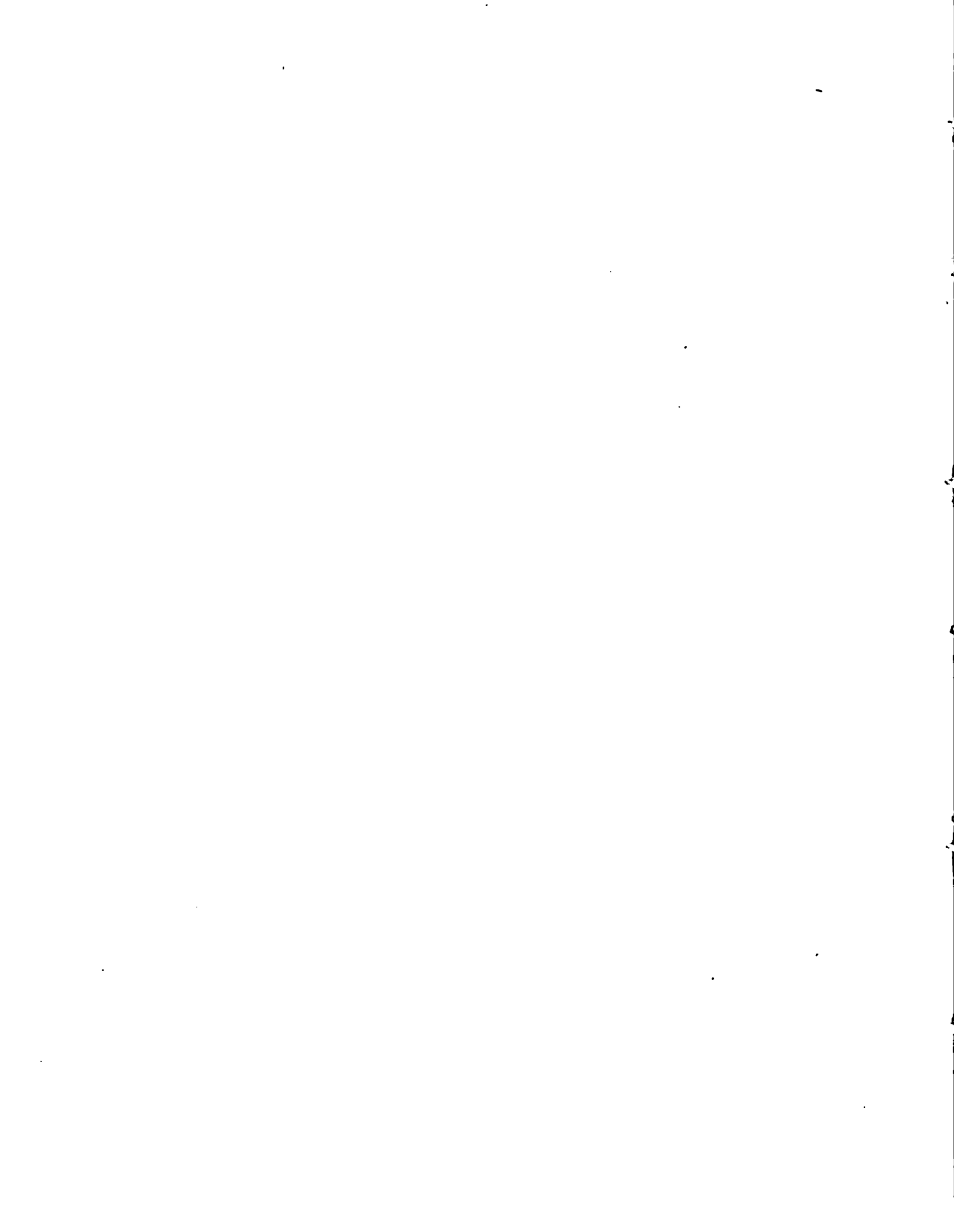
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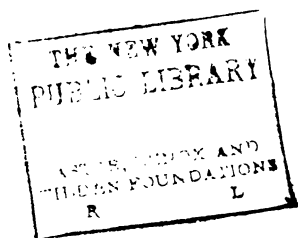
**T**hou, whose all-pervading eye  
Naught escapes, without, within,  
Pardon each infirmity,  
Open fault, and secret sin.



**“Soon, for me, the light of day  
Shall for ever pass away.”**

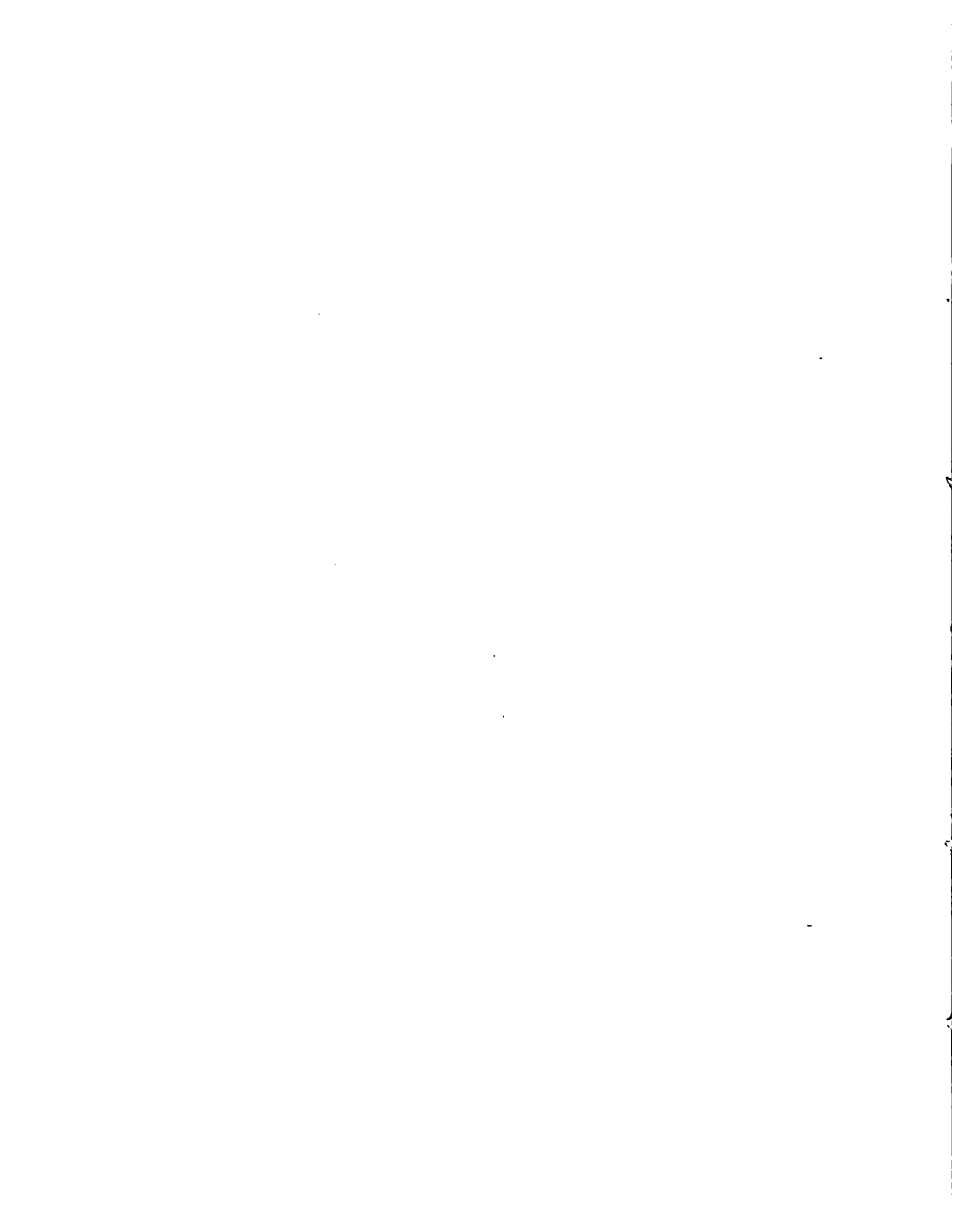




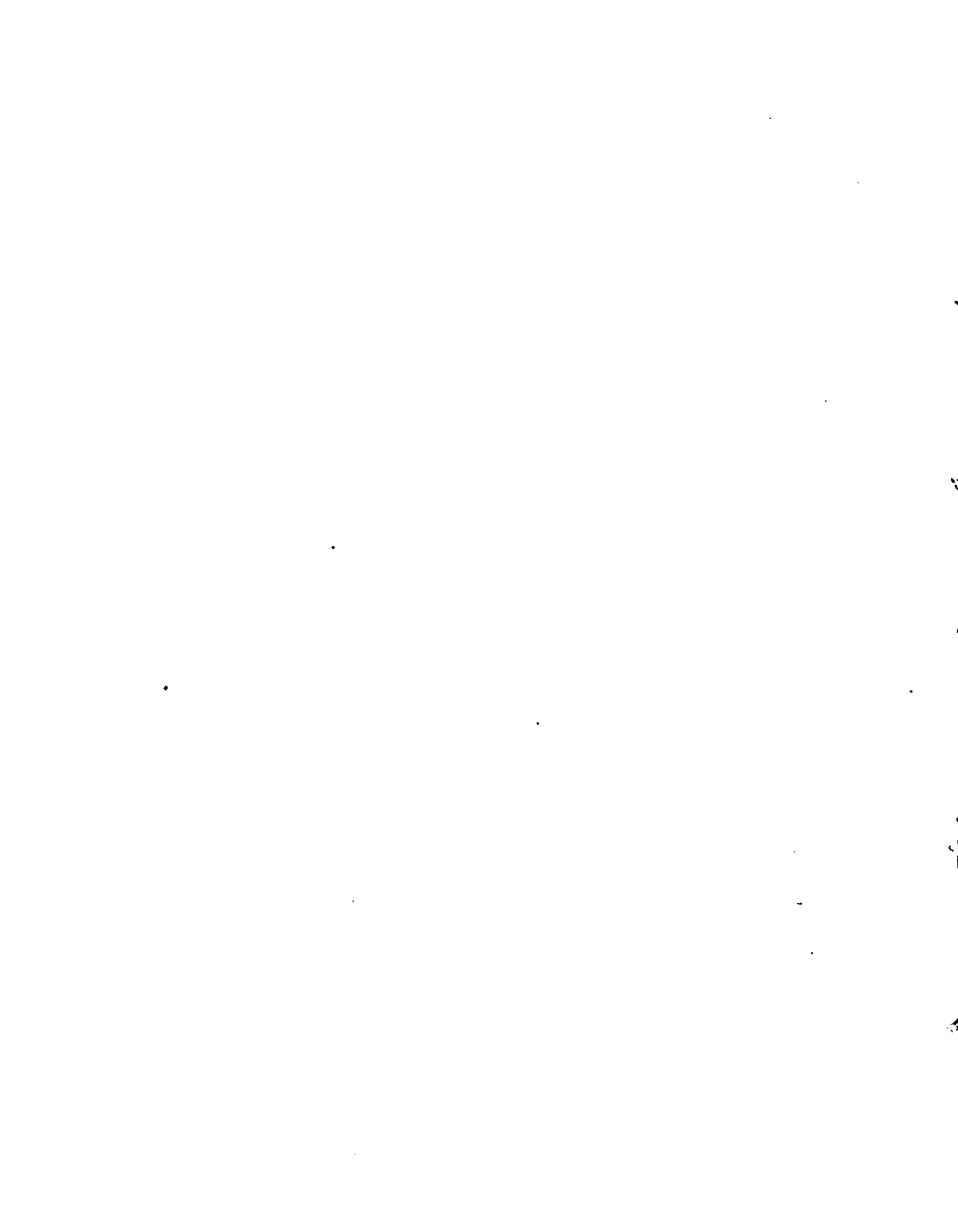


**S**oon, for me, the light of day  
Shall for ever pass away ;  
Then, from sin and sorrow free,  
Take me, Lord, to dwell with thee :





# Evening Contemplation.

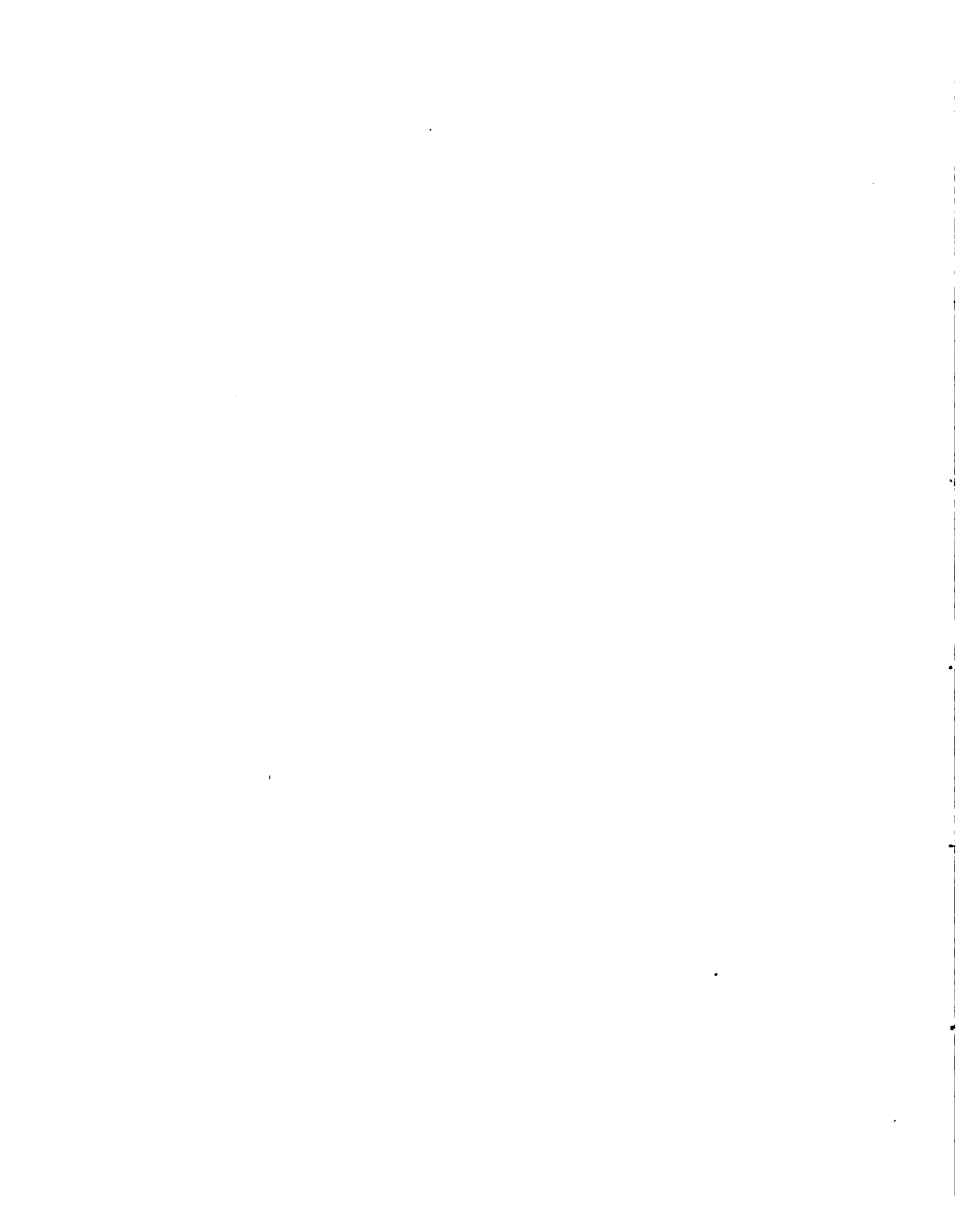




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**T**hou who, sinless, yet hast known  
All of man's infirmity;  
Then, from thine eternal throne,  
Jesus, look with pitying eye.



George Washington Doane, the author of "Softly now the Light of Day," was born at Trenton, N. J. in 1799 . . . He became an Episcopalian clergyman in 1821, and was rector of a church in New York City, and afterwards of one in Boston, Mass. . . . He was elected Bishop of New Jersey in 1832, and in 1846 he founded Burlington College . . . He published several works on theology and a volume of verses . . . He died in 1859.



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